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## **King County Board for Developmental Disabilities**

# **MINUTES**

**Day/Date:** Wednesday, April 6, 2005  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Region 4, Crown Hill Room  
1700 East Cherry Street  
Seattle, WA 98122

### **Board:**

Heather Avery  
Kevin Bernadt  
Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox  
Ted Daniels  
Marie Koole  
John Nesbitt  
Steven Thompson

### **Excused:**

Barbara Christensen-Meins  
Kevin Hendersen  
Don Luby

### **Staff:**

Jane Campbell, KCDDD  
Ray Jensen, KCDDD  
Irma Hill, KCDDD  
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD  
Holly Woo, KCDDD  
Josh Goldfinger, KCWTP  
Marybeth Poch, DDD/Region 4  
Jan Blackburn, DDD Region 4  
Michael Rogers, DDD/Region 4/DDC  
Ray Takeuchi, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

### **Guests\*:**

Bryan Dopp, AAA Residential  
Rebekah Griebel, AAA Residential  
Carrie Masten, Work Opportunities  
Dianna Vaughn, Service Alternatives  
Gary Sheffler, UW – ETP  
Lyle Romer, TLC  
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN  
Bill Sellars, The Arc of King County  
Karen Ritter, Walsh & Associates  
Wendy Randall, AtWork!  
Waiyego Pearson, Regency Woods Manor  
Ray Coleman, SKCAC Industries  
Mark Kantonen SKCAC Industries  
Thomas Whitlemore, Seattle DON  
Sara McIlvane, PSP  
Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County  
Lisa Turner, LTA, Inc.  
Jane Place, Childhaven

\*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

## **King County Developmental Disabilities Division Draft Plan for Developmental Disabilities Services - Public Comments**

Jane Campbell, Assistant Division Director, King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD), opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. by welcoming public comments on the KCDDD Draft Plan. The Draft Plan and appendices are located on the King County website at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/>. Please send comments to the King County Developmental Disabilities Division at 821 Second Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, WA

98104 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005. Comments are also welcomed at one of the following public meetings:

April 19 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Federal Way Regional Library located at 34200 First Way South, Federal Way

April 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Center located 14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue.

April 30 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Third Place Commons located at 17171 Bothell Way Northeast, Lake Forest Park.

### **Comments Received:**

Kathy Sellars commented that students with disabilities should participate in the same activities as other students. She is concerned that students will be so worried about planning for work at age 14 that they won't participate in activities that are a part of the school experience.

As a follow up comment, Karen Ritter was concerned that youth are graduating at age 18 and there is a three year period without services. She believes this needs to be addressed in a formal manner.

### **Introductions and Chair's Comments**

Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox, Chair asked for self-introductions from the Board.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**04060501** Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox called for a motion to approve the March 2005 Minutes. Ted Daniels so moved, Heather Avery seconded, and the March Minutes were approved as written.

### **Legislative Report**

Holly Woo provided the following Senate budget highlights:

- Employment and Day Services funding is provided for 200 high school graduates who are on the waiver and approximately 200 new non-waiver students;
- Family Support funding is provided for 750 additional families who are not currently receiving services;
- Funding is provided for community residential and support services for 39 individuals; and



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- Funding is provided for a study of residential services for persons with developmental disabilities to identify a preferred continuum of developmental disabilities residential services and develop recommendations regarding steps to be undertaken to transition individuals to the preferred system within four years.

Carrie Masten reported that the Senate budget includes a vendor rate increase for employment providers that was not included in the Governor's budget.

Michael Roger's provided an update on the Accessible Parking Bill.

Ted Daniels asked advocates to continue contacting their legislators and encourage them to vote for full transition funding for 1,300 high school graduates.

### **Board Project: Proposal on Suburban Cities Hiring**

Ray Jensen asked for Board volunteers to meet with KCDDD staff to develop a formal presentation to encourage suburban cities to hire individuals with developmental disabilities. Contact Michaelle at 206-205-6632 or by email at [Michaelle.Monday@Metrokc.gov](mailto:Michaelle.Monday@Metrokc.gov) if you are interested in volunteering.

### **General Public Input**

Kathy Sellars announced that Lifetime Secure Personal Assistance Network (LifeSPAN) is presenting "A Good Life Workshop." The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2005, at the Jackson Place Co-housing located at 800 Hiawatha Place South, Seattle. For more information, contact Kathy Sellars at 206-522-3099 or visit the LifeSPAN website at [www.lifespan-wa.org](http://www.lifespan-wa.org).

Life Enrichment Options (LEO) will be honoring an organization that has demonstrated a commitment to the hiring and retaining of individuals with special needs. Please submit a letter of recommendation to LEO at P.O. Box 117, Issaquah, WA 98027 or by email at [www.leoorganization.org](http://www.leoorganization.org). For more information, contact Rose Finnegan at 425-392-5682.

Michael Rogers provided copies of the 2004 President's Report entitled, "A Charge We Have To Keep," a road map to personal and economic freedom for persons with intellectual disabilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Michael also extended an invitation for others to join him at a public meeting at the City Council on April 22 at 9:30 a.m. to advocate for accessible taxis. For more information, contact Michael at 206-568-5682.

Michael is the Summit Coordinator for the state of Washington and he is looking for assistance to prepare for the September national conference in Washington, DC.

### **Reports**



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## Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Marybeth Poch reported on the following:

- Region 4 is working diligently to complete the Plans of Care for individuals on the waiver.
- Senate budget provides services for 24 more individuals in the community protection program and expanded community services for a minimum of 39 individuals.
- Governor's budget includes funding for 30 individuals who will move from a residential rehabilitation center to a community setting.
- The study of residential services for persons with developmental disabilities that was included in the Senate budget will be overseen by a 13-member advisory group.

## KCDDD Director's Report

Ray Jensen made the following announcements:

- In early May 2005, the King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD), in cooperation with the State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) Region 4, is planning to release a Request for Proposals to provide employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities who are in the Division of Developmental Disabilities Community Protection program.
- Ray Coleman is retiring and Mark Kantonen is the new Director of SKCAC Industries;
- The Working Age Adult Policy Task Force has held three meetings and has developed the following five priority areas:
  - **Develop a shared vision:** Create a common understanding of "pathways to employment"
  - **Market the vision:** Communicate the message about work and employment goals
  - **Create the environment:** Develop community capacity and will to create, provide and support full and equal access to jobs
  - **Collaborate for change:** Focus existing services, programs and systems on full spectrum of employment goals
  - **"Show us the money!":** Ensure the resources necessary to promote and support employment



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The task force will be developing action plans for each of the five areas and this information will be included in the final plan that will be presented to the Board. For more information regarding the Task Force's activities, please visit the County's website at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/>.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular Board Meeting will be held on May 4, 2005, 9:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



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